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Dear Sir:

Please amend the subject U.S. Patent Application as follows to place this U.S. Patent Application in better condition for examination.

In the New Claims 1-10 from the verified English language translation, substitute the following Claims 1-10 (Currently Amended) for the pending Claims 1-10 (Original) from the PCT Article 36 Amendment.